

First reading - Angela Des-Rosiers

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse (19:1. 5-9)

I, John, seemed to hear the great sound of a huge crowd in heaven, singing, 'Alleluia! Victory and glory and power to our God'. Then, a voice came from the throne; it said, 'Praise our God, you servants of his and all who, great or small, revere him'. And I seemed to hear the voices of a huge crowd, like the sound of the ocean, or the great roar of thunder, answering 'Alleluia! The reign of the Lord our God Almighty has begun; let us be glad and joyful and give praise to God, because this is the time for the marriage of the Lamb. His bride is ready, and she has been able to dress herself in dazzling white linen, because her linen is made of the good deeds of the saints'. The angel said 'Write this: Happy are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb'.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial psalm (ps148: 1-4. 9-14. Rv.12)

Response: Alleluia!

Second reading - Shirley Matthew

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (12:31-13:8)

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (I Jn 4:16)

Alleluia, alleluia! Anyone who lives in love
Lives in God, And God lives in him. Alleluia!

Gospel - A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John (15:9-12)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments, and remain in his love.

I have told you this, so that my own joy may be in you, and your joy be complete. This is my commandments: Love one another, as I have loved you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The Homily

The Marriage Rite; vows, blessing and exchange of rings

The Prayer of the Faithful - Bidding Prayers - Marie Mahony

1) We ask you to bless Alison and Tom as they begin their married life together. May their home be full of love and laughter and may they remain true friends to each other, so that together they will

always be able to face the challenges of life.

Lord in your mercy. **ALL: Hear our prayer**

2) For the families and friends of Alison and Tom, whose love and friendship have brought them to this happy day. May God give you peace in your hearts for today, hope in your hearts for tomorrow and love in your hearts forever.

Lord in your mercy. **ALL: Hear our prayer**

3) We remember today with a special love, all our family and friends who have touched our lives and are sadly no longer with us. We know they would have loved to share in the joy and happiness of this special day.

Lord in your mercy. **ALL: Hear our prayer**

4) Lord we are blessed to be gathered today for a happy occasion. Let us give thanks for the gifts of life and good health, which are so often taken for granted. May we always appreciate these gifts and may they bring us closer to God.

Lord in your mercy. **ALL: Hear our prayer**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Offertory Hymn - Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven,

Like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Eucharistic Prayer

The Communion Rite

The Nuptial Blessing

Receive Communion / Blessing

Communion Hymn 1 - Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? : [Refrain]

Here I am, Lord

It is I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night,

I will go, Lord

If you lead me

I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain,